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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please REPLACE the title with the following NEW title:

--APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HIERARCHICAL ENCRYPTION--